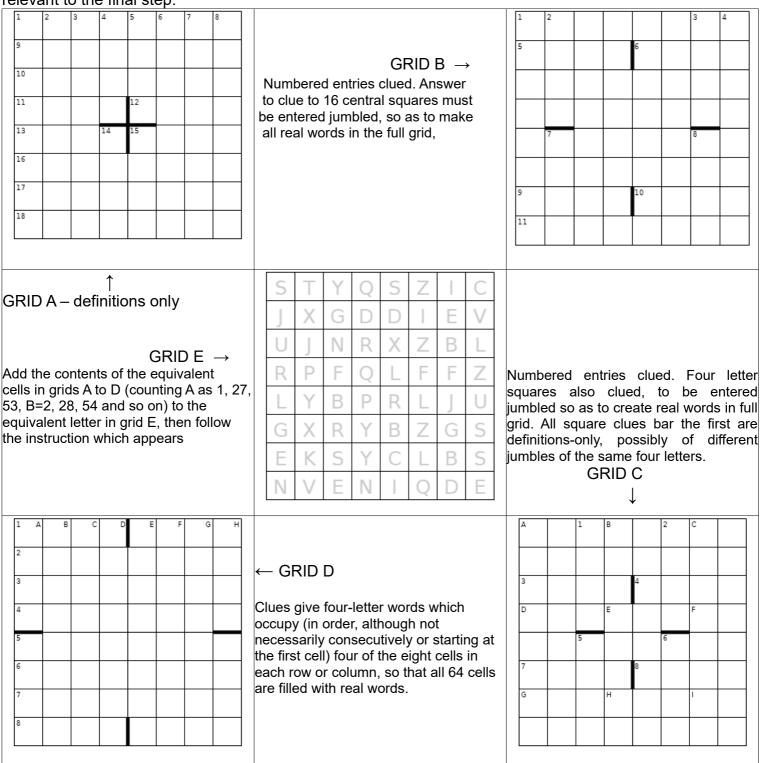
Checkerboard Challenge by Arcadia

One answer is the name of a UK company*. Each set of across and down clues contains an extra word, relevant to the final step.



Grid A	
Across	Down
1 Induce lumbago? (8)	1 Falsify (8)
9 Masonry of uniform blocks (8)	2 Small openings (8)
10 Napoleon's place of exile (8)	3 Maori priests (8)
11 Water-parsnip genus (4)	4 The same (4)
12 Miners' truck (4)	5 SI unit of potential difference (8)
13 Units of weight (4)	6 New-Worlder (8)
15 Strain (dialect) (4)	7 Coarse grained igneous rock (8)

16 Spanish arresting officer (8)	8 US painter of glossy finish (8)
17 Sporting colleague (8)	14 Japanese wrestling (4)
18 Court absentee with excuses (8)	15 Lapp smallpox (4)
Grid B	
Across	Down
1 Barmen with one for afternoon nappers(8)	1 Mortars came most violently (8, two words)
5 Bare bums making organ stop(4)	2 Nigerians raise cry in extermity (4)
6 Utter ecstasy by Cambridge University(4)	3 Restrained a traffic warden? (4)
9 Surprisingly prevalence came top (4)	4 They may spare money in sterling on Sabbath (8)
10 Parrot-wrasse to mark reef (4)	7 Pocket unopened old brooch (4)
11 Checks special old fragment in layers (8)	8 Heartless sailor's fishing net (4)
Grid C	Centre - Close old Glaswegian shrink for adolescent reportedly giving insulin (16, two words)
Numbered (all 4 letters)	Lettered (all 4 letters)
1 Scot abandoning West African engine?	A Himalayan goat guides the herd oddly
2 Comic Victorian fabric	B Lean remainder
3 Speck of skunk finally magnified by ten?	C Difficulties, granted large numbers
4 Partly Brazilian tapir	D Cherry lost in Perth
5 Cheers on garden intruder	E Gypsy woman's tea
6 Reportedly make eagle	F Embroider border matweed
7 A largely uncommon Moroccan tree	G Identical hill stratum
8 Lake piranha centrally set in line	H Artist made face
	I Headland since long ago
Grid D (all 4 letters)	
1 Returning prophet's body	A Paramilitary organisation's backing long dress
2 Restraint on a Shakespearean gaoler	B African Union Legislative Assembly Hall
3 Poet's dull round enclosures	C Rested one dying widow
4 Regretted vulgar broadcast	D Restore navy out of Scots tax
5 Lecturer in English verse	E Scare away small tabby
6 Prudish, naked, freezing in the Alps once	F Battery maker's cycling squad*
7 Square in previously not out	G Strain paraffin over remains
8 Boastful talk about energy works in Ayr	H Frenchman breaking his queen's heart